



**8 APRIL 2018**  
**SECOND**  
**SUNDAY**  
**OF EASTER**



**ST JOSEPH'S &**  
**ST EDMUND'S**  
**CITY CENTRE**  
**CATHOLIC PARISH**  
**SOUTHAMPTON**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
 PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

STELLA MARIS DEANERY  
 INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,  
LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,  
PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING &  
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,  
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,  
NETLEY ABBEY



## **WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG**

Alleluia was not part of our vocabulary during Lent: instead we were invited to spend that time of preparation with our Lord identifying with Him in his passion. The great Easter Triduum is the beginning of our mission and responsibility as people of the resurrection. What does this mean?

Just as the Triduum is one liturgy, from the last supper when Jesus prepares His disciples for his impending crucifixion on Good Friday, which makes no sense without the Resurrection; similarly the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in one joyful exultation as one feast day or better still as one great Sunday!

The rich tapestry of the liturgy during the last week has pointed us further toward this mission. The author of the letter to the Hebrews, which we read at the morning office on Good Friday reminds us that Christ died once and for all for the forgiveness of sins. The words of the Easter proclamation (The Exultet) speak of the light which burns brightly for ever. At the Easter vigil we were presented with the Resurrection account from St Mark. An account which has no satisfactory conclusion, which leaves the narrative with us.

When we renewed our Baptismal promises in the waters of Baptism we were asked "Do you believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection from the dead and life everlasting?" 'This is our faith, the faith of the church which we are proud to profess in Christ Jesus Our Lord'. Our new Catholics were asked not only to believe but to publicly acknowledge 'all that the Holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and professes.' As Easter people our responsibility is to live that confidence and ultimate trust in the forgiveness of sins and the life which is to come.

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated today, reminds us of the unconditional love and mercy of God. We are not only called to experience and believe in this unconditional forgiveness but to offer this to our fellow human beings. Christ has taught us that we have not only received mercy but that we must show mercy.

The message of the passion and resurrection was not just for ourselves, it is for the whole of humanity and we are called to live this! We are the penultimate living chapter in the narrative until He comes in glory. We have so much to celebrate. Alleluia!

*Tina Quinn*

### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:**

1. 'None of their members was ever in want' (1st reading). Do you look out for others? How can you respond to those in need? Do you support other members of the faith community? How?
2. 'This is what loving God is, keeping His commandments' (2nd reading). Which commandments do you find difficult? Why? How can you?
3. Jesus says, 'Happy are those who have not seen yet believe' (Gospel). How do you describe your belief? What is 'easy'? What is 'difficult'? Why?

*Vincent Harvey*

## **TODAY: SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2018**

**RETIRING COLLECTION** is for the maintenance of our Church buildings.

**WELCOME RITES** take place today during 9am, 10am and 11am Masses.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BERNARD & GERALDINE DUGGAN** on their 40th wedding anniversary being celebrated today! May God bless you both always.

**APPEAL BY NICK GUYER FOR DRIVERS FOR THE LUNCH CLUB** after Sunday Masses at St Edmund Church today.

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** today. Meet at 2pm at Blackwater Arboretum.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY TODAY:** The Hour of Divine Mercy will take place today, the first Sunday after Easter (*confessions 2:15pm*) **begins at 2:45pm at Saint Edmund Catholic Church, The Avenue, Southampton.** Those who have previously participated know that this is an incredibly moving moment of prayer when we entrust ourselves, our families, those we care for and those suffering in our world to the tender Mercy of God. If you have not been before ... then come!

**BOXED ENVELOPE SETS** ready for collection in the porches for those who contribute in this way.

**RECENTLY DIED:** *Vera Morris* late of Wilton Manor Nursing Home. Reception into St Edmund Church 4pm Monday 16 April; Requiem Mass 10am Tuesday 17 April followed by cremation at the Southampton Crematorium. *May she rest in peace. Please pray for her son, John and daughter, Joan.*



## **THIS WEEK**

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

Mon Day off: VH/RB. VH away Tues—Mon.

Tues Various meetings: RB.

Wed Meeting Portsmouth: RB.

Thu Confirmation meeting: RB.

Fri Meetings with engaged couples: RB.

**PARISH THEME—APRIL:** This month as a parish we are reflecting upon peace with society as a whole. We make peace before we receive communion, we share the sign of peace with one another, but do we truly share that peace with those we meet on a daily basis? Do we smile and acknowledge with warmth the shopkeeper, the road sweeper, the homeless? Do we recognise the dignity of every human being? We are called to be the visible face of the invisible Christ to those we meet. *'Let there be peace in our world and let it begin with me!'*

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION TWO** 7pm Tuesday 10 April in St Edmund Hall. (*Only for parents who attended Session One on 20 March, or by special arrangement*).

**FINANCE MEETING** 5pm Thursday 12 April in St Edmund Presbytery.

**PILATES WITH HILARY** 10am Fridays in St Edmund's Hall. Text Hilary 07786 617 302 to join.

## **NEXT WEEKEND**



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA?** We are holding information sessions to help understand what it is like to live with dementia and the actions you can take. Hopefully after becoming more aware we can promote our whole church community to become 'dementia friends'. Sessions will be held on:

- Saturday 14 April 7:30pm—8:30pm Stella Maris Hall
- Sunday 15 April 12noon—1pm St Edmunds Hall
- Thursday 26 April 6:30pm—7:30pm Stella Maris Hall
- Wednesday 2 May 7:45pm—8:45pm St Edmund Hall

You only need to attend one session. *This initiative is part of our hospitality and welcoming project to provide an unconditional welcome to all.*

**'A TIME OF PRAYER'** takes place at 10am Sunday 15 April; follows directly on from the 9am Mass at St Edmund.

**PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP** next weekend.

**FATHER NELSON SMM** will be presiding at 9am & 11am Mass in Fr Vincent's absence.

## **NEXT WEEK**

**'THE PROPHETS' BIBLE STUDY COURSE** starts at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17 April in St Edmund Hall. Course is now fully subscribed.

**EST MEETING** 7:45pm Wednesday 18 April in St Edmund Presbytery.

**SOUP LUNCH** 1pm Thursday 19 April in Stella Maris Centre. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD and Christian Aid.

**RICHARD ROHR GROUP** meet 5pm Thursday 19 April in St Edmund Presbytery.

**BAMENDA SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING** 12:30pm Friday 20 April in St Edmund Presbytery.

**EU WELCOME INFORMATION EVENING** 6pm—8pm Friday 20 April in St Edmund Lodge.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP** for parents and candidates continues at 10:30am Saturday 21 April at St Anne's School.

**ROAD CLOSURE:** Advance Warning that access to The Avenue will be prohibited on Sunday 22 April from 9am to 3:30pm due to the Half-Marathon. Rockstone Place will be open but no to exit onto The Avenue.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at 9am Mass will recommence on Sunday 22 April. Thank you to the team. Volunteers always needed!!!

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** If your child was baptised at St Joseph or St Edmund Church in 2017 you are invited to a celebration on **Sunday 22nd April at 4pm at St Edmund Church.** A short service of thanksgiving followed by tea and cake in St Edmund Hall afterwards. Please pray for our families and newly baptised.

## GENERAL ITEMS



**FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** meet again Friday 27 April, 5:45pm—7:30pm theme 'Treasure Trail'.

**"FRASSATI SENIOR GROUP"** now Year 8 & above 7:30—9:15pm, Games, formation, friendship, prayer, mission/service project. Both events take place at St Boniface Church Hall.

**'TO THE HEIGHTS'** a retreat for young adults 16—35 years. From 27—29 April at St Jude's School, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, PO14 1ND. Dynamic talks, creative workshops, friendship, Adoration and Worship, reconciliation and healing. Go to 'To the Heights' event page on Facebook, follow the Eventbrite link. For more info contact Tom Sellars 01329 318869 (ext. 222). See noticeboards.

**DIOCESAN CONFERENCE** 9:30am—5pm Saturday 5 May at the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth. Keynote speakers are Father Stephen Wang, Pippa Baker (Catholic missionary) and Bishop Philip. Youth 2000 Music Ministry will be in attendance. Includes Adoration and Mass. See noticeboards. Booking essential via [congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CAFOD / CARITAS CONFERENCE on our response to Refugees and Migrants** 10am—4pm Saturday 12 May at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU. See noticeboards.

**FATHER ANDREW MWESIGWA:** A few years ago Father Andrew, from Uganda, helped out in the Parish for a couple of months in the summer. Sadly he was killed in a road traffic accident during Holy Week and his funeral took place in his parish on Holy Thursday. Please pray for the repose of his soul; also for his family and parishioners. May he rest in peace. Father Vincent has written to his Bishop with our condolences.

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL:** Universal: For those who have responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**'ABLAZE IN THE TRUTH' SUMMER CAMP 2018** for ages 10—25 years takes place from 20—24 August 2018 in the New Forest. Email [ftfcm1995@gmail.com](mailto:ftfcm1995@gmail.com) or book online at [www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk](http://www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk) See noticeboards.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM AT ST JOSEPH CHURCH?

Marcia MacDermott has retired after many years. She has been doing a sterling job along with Chris McDaid as a team. Thank you Marcia for all you have done, we wish you well in your retirement, and to Chris for all you continue to do for the parish.

Chris needs help with flower arranging at St Joseph Church on an alternating rota. If you are keen, please contact Father Vincent, Father Ross or the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589.



**ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2018? 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any anniversary over 60 years this year?** If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to join him at a special celebration Mass. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 30 June 2018**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to go, visit the anniversaries website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> for more information and to register.

*O God, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form the marriage bond, bless and strengthen the union of your servants, that they may show forth an ever more perfect image of the union of Christ with his Church.*

*Through our Lord Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



## CELEBRATE

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC EVENTS SERVING THE CHURCH

**CELEBRATE FAMILY WEEKEND** 29/30 September at St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, SO16 3DQ. Book online or phone 023 8029 2058. Speakers Geoff & Gina Poulter, Matt & Lucy Gwyn and David & Gio Payne.

**CRIB OFFERINGS 2017:** We have received a letter from the Friends of the Holy Land thanking us for the Crib offerings of £ 533.20.

*They write: "Last year the crib offerings enabled us to make a very significant increase to the number of Christian families benefitting from our support programme and, quite importantly, to offset the adverse effect of exchange rates.*

*Please thank all your parishioners who contributed to this generous collection. Their prayers and financial help are very much appreciated by the Christian families and individuals who receive help from FHL".*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Marcus Boulton-Smith (toddler), Jean Mooney, Basma Azad, Dina de Souza (op. recovery), Eloise Chessman, Ellison & Sharon, Wasanti, Albert Tan, Christopher Browne, Jane Britt (op. recovery), Tivanka da Silva, Pdraig Murphy, Bobby Murphy, Dolina MacKinnon, Judy Brown, Andrea Reiter, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Francis Ponniah, Daham Korlage, Kushmi, CA, Alan West, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O'Reilly, Albie Escorcio, Carmen Escorcio, Linda Seikus, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Janice Cummings, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Joachim Rodrigues, Marie Adams, Ken Rouse, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Jackie Duggan, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Valerie Summerton, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, NW, Joe Sculley, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2018

\*(Church key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	7 APRIL	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	MARY LYNCH RIP (DN)
SUN	8 APRIL	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9:00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM	SJ	BERNARD & GERALDINE DUGGAN—40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (GD)
			11:00AM	SE	AIDEN WASTALL (4TH BIRTHDAY), COLETTE & TWIN BROTHER VINCENT, BIRTHDAY—GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (FRANCIS & ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
			7:00PM	SE	DAN BROSINAN—HEALING & WELLBEING (DB&EB)
TUES	10 APRIL	<b>OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER</b>	10:00AM	SE	CECILIA & RONALD MEARS RIP (F)
WED	11 APRIL	<b>ST STANISLAUS</b>	7:00PM	SE	LEO STOY—BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ST)
THURS	12 APRIL	<b>OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER</b>	12:15PM	SJ	IN MEMORY OF RESTAURANT STAFF—TITANIC RIP (BR)
FRI	13 APRIL	<b>OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER</b>	7:00PM	SE	EILEEN & ALEX AITKEN RIP (F)
SAT	14 APRIL	<b>OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER</b>	11:00AM	SE	JOAN HALL RIP (F)
			6:15PM	SJ	FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA (F)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	15 APRIL	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9:00AM	SE	OSCAR SOHNA SOHNA RIP (F)
			10:00AM	SJ	FINBAR A'HERNE RIP (PB)
			11:00AM	SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (GC&HP)
			7:00PM	SE	NELUM (AUS.) BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING & FAMILY INTENTIONS; JUDY & MERVYN (50TH); BERNIE & EMON (40TH); JOE & MAUREEN LEE (60TH) - GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA)

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**8 APRIL 2018—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Psalm Response:**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
 for his love has no end.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." **Alleluia!**

**READINGS 15 APRIL 2018**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B**

1st Reading: Acts 3:13—15. 17—19  
 2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1—5  
 Gospel: Luke 24: 35—48

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY  
 CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND**

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK  
 CATHOLIC HOME CARE**

COLLECTIONS	OUR PRIESTS 1.4.2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,240.48</b>
Cash	3,330.48
S / O	728.00
Gift Aid Rebate	182.00

Thank you for your generous contributions and gift aiding. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

**CONFESSION TIMES**

**St Joseph:** Thursdays 11:45am  
 Saturdays 5:45pm  
**St Edmund:** Saturdays 11:30am